

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10-11, 34, 44, 49-52, 54-56, 63 and 64 are currently pending in the subject application, and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10-11, 34, 56 and 63-64 are rejected. Claims 44, 49-52, 54 and 55 have been indicated as allowable if the objection to claim 44 is addressed. Claims 1, 44, and 56 have been amended. Claims 3, 7, and 34 have been cancelled. Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments and comments herein.

I. Objection to Claims 44, 49-52 and 54-55

Claims 44, 49-52 and 54-55 have been objected to because of informalities. Claim 44 has been amended as recommended by the Examiner to remedy the informalities pointed out in the Office Action. It is thus respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

II. Rejection of Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10-11, 56 and 63-64 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10-11, 56 and 63-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Each of claims 1 and 56 have been amended to remove the material indicated in the Office Action as unsupported by the specification. Claims 3 and 10 have been cancelled to maintain consistency with amended claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Rejection of Claim 34 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 34 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,081,515 to Toivola ("Toivola") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,611,565 B1 to Bada, et al. ("Bada") and U.S. Publication No. 2002/0159426 A1 to Kanemoto ("Kanemoto"). Claim 34 has been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and that the application be passed to issue.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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